

Torrance, California.
December 1, 1931.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF TORRANCE.

The regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Torrance, was held in the Council Chambers at Torrance, California, December 1st., 1931, and was called to order at 8:00 P. M. by Mayor Dennis.

The following Councilmen were present: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. Absent: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Councilman Steiner moved that the minutes of the regular meeting of November 17th., 1931, and the minutes of an adjourned regular meeting of November 24th., 1931, be adopted. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

A letter from the Bicentennial Committee regarding arrangements for a George Washington Celebration and asking cooperation was read. This letter was ordered filed.

A petition was read, for an amended Ordinance signed by merchants, taxpayers and citizens of Torrance, and referred to the Ordinance and Parks Committee for further consideration.

A communication from Howard W. Douglass presenting claim in the amount of \$700.00 for loss by fire of store building and contents was read. The subject of fire hydrants was discussed and referred to the Police, Fire and Lights Committee for further investigation. Councilman Nelson moved bill for damages be rejected. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Clerk Bartlett read

RESOLUTION OF
INTENTION NO. 514

The closing up, vacating and abandoning of the westerly 7.5 feet of Park Street extending from a point 12.55 feet south of the south line of Newton Street.

Councilman Steiner moved the adoption of Resolution No. 514. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

✓ Engineer Leonard presented a map of a portion of Hollywood Riviera Subdivision and recommended that map be approved by the City Council. Councilman Steiner moved that Resolution No. 515 be adopted. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Reporting as to the status of the water litigation, City Attorney Findley stated that Mr. Beebe our attorney advised him today that no decision as yet had been handed down by the Judge on the demurrer and that the attorneys did not think it advisable to request a decision from the Judge.

City Attorney Findley reported with reference to insurance. From information gathered the compensation fund only paid approximately \$4.00 a week to volunteer firemen in case of injury and for that reason the city had taken out other insurance which pays \$20.00 a week from date of injury. Councilman Steiner moved that the action of a former Council in taking out accident insurance with the Commercial Casualty Insurance Company covering volunteer or call firemen be and the same is hereby ratified and approved. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

The City Attorney reported that a hearing was held on the tentative report of the Council relative to a zoning ordinance on November 24th., and at this meeting the tentative report was made the final report of the Council. This final report was then submitted by the City Attorney with a request that a public hearing be called to comply with the statutes governing the zoning of cities of the sixth class. He stated that notice of such hearing should be published in a newspaper in the city within the week in which the hearing is held. Councilman Steiner moved that the final report of the Council on the zoning ordinance be and the same is hereby adopted. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. Councilman Steiner moved that a public hearing be held on Friday, December 11th., and the notice of this hearing be published in the Torrance Herald, Thursday, December 10th., to consider the zoning ordinance. Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Mr. Frank Buffington spoke briefly in regard to the handbill ordinance.

Engineer Leonard reported on proposed improvement of Vista Highlands, that he had taken the matter up with the School Board and had not yet received a reply.

Engineer Leonard reported in regard to the letter from the County Surveyor requesting jurisdiction over Western Avenue improvement, that the assessment boundary was established by the County half way between Artisano and Western. After some discussion Councilman Smith moved the matter be referred to the Engineer for further investigation. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Steiner moved the Street Superintendent be instructed to purchase sufficient fertilizer for parks, etc. Councilman Nelson seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Councilman Nelson brought up the matter of removal of old oil derricks and the safety of old and new oil derricks in the newly annexed South Torrance territory and suggested that the City Attorney investigate the ordinance and give some résumé as to just what power we have to control the situation. Councilman Nelson moved that the ordinance concerning oil derricks be referred to the Ordinance Committee in conjunction with the City Engineer and Attorney to report back to this Board after such investigation. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

Councilman Steiner moved that warrants be drawn for all bills properly audited.

Councilman Smith seconded the motion, which was duly carried by the following roll call vote: AYES: COUNCILMEN: Smith, Nelson, Steiner and Dennis. NOES: COUNCILMEN: None. ABSENT: COUNCILMAN: Bell.

Councilman Nelson moved that the meeting be adjourned to Friday night, the 11th., of December, 1931, at 7:45 P.M. Councilman Steiner seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 P.M.

A. H. Bartlett
City Clerk of the City of Torrance.

Approved:

John Dennis
Mayor of the City of Torrance.